

**Introduced by Senator Scott**

January 26, 2006

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An act to amend Sections 44251, 44253.3, 44259, 44270.1, and 44275.4 of, to repeal Sections 44274, 44274.1, 44274.5, 44275.3, 44275.5, 44277, 44278, and 44279 of, and to repeal and add Section 44274.2 of, the Education Code, relating to teacher credentialing.

**LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST**

SB 1209, as introduced, Scott. Teacher credentialing: out-of-state teachers: professional growth programs.

(1) Existing law authorizes the Commission on Teacher Credentialing to issue preliminary teaching and services credentials and professional clear teaching and services credentials if the applicant for the credential meets certain minimum requirements relating to professional preparation. Existing law makes a preliminary teaching or services credential valid for 5 years, pending completion of a 5th year of study and a professional clear multiple or single subject teaching credential valid for the life of the holder, if the holder meets certain requirements relating to professional growth.

This bill would delete the requirements relating to professional growth, and, instead, would provide that a clear or professional clear teaching or services credential is valid for the life of the holder if the holder submits an application and fee for renewal to the commission every 5 years and meets certain professional fitness requirements relating to good moral character. The bill would delete certain provisions in existing law relating to teacher professional growth programs.

(2) Existing law authorizes the commission to issue a certificate that authorizes the holder to provide certain services to limited-English-proficient pupils, if the applicant for the certificate

meets certain minimum requirements, including possession of certain prerequisite credentials or permits, passage of certain knowledge and skills examinations, and completion of specified coursework in a second language.

This bill would authorize a teacher who possesses a credential or permit, as required under existing law, and is able to present an out-of-state credential or certificate that authorizes the instruction of English learners, to qualify for the specified certificate by submitting an application and fee to the commission.

(3) Existing law provides that the requirements for a professional clear multiple or single subject teaching credential include, among other things, completion of a program of beginning teacher induction, as specified.

This bill would require that a teacher be deemed to have complied with the specified requirement, if the teacher (a) holds a preliminary multiple or single subject teaching credential or is an intern participating in a specified internship program; (b) is serving in the first or second year of service; and (c) complies with certain requirements relating to issuance of a preliminary multiple or single subject teaching credential, including completion of a specified accredited internship program of professional preparation.

(4) Existing law requires the commission to issue a 5-year preliminary multiple subject teaching credential, a 5-year preliminary single subject teaching credential, or a 5-year preliminary education specialist credential authorizing instruction of special education pupils to any out-of-state prepared teacher who meets certain requirements.

This bill would substantially revise the requirements for issuance of the specified credentials to out-of-state prepared teachers. The bill would delete certain requirements in existing law relating to credentialing of out-of-state teachers.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.  
State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 44251 of the Education Code is
- 2 amended to read:
- 3 44251. (a) The period for which a credential, as authorized
- 4 under Section 44250 issued prior to September 1, 1985, is valid
- 5 shall be as follows:

1 (1) For an internship credential: two years.

2 (2) For a preliminary credential, pending completion of the  
3 fifth year of study: five years.

4 (3) For a life credential: the life of the holder.

5 (b) The period for which a credential issued on or after  
6 September 1, 1985, as authorized under Section 44250 is valid,  
7 shall be as follows:

8 (1) For an internship credential, two years.

9 (2) For a preliminary credential, pending completion of *a*  
10 *beginning teacher induction program approved by the*  
11 *commission* or the fifth year of study: five years.

12 ~~(3) For an applicant's first clear multiple or single subject~~  
13 ~~teaching credential: the life of the holder, if the holder meets the~~  
14 ~~requirements of Section 44277.~~

15 ~~(4) For any clear multiple or single subject teaching credential~~  
16 ~~other than those to which paragraph (3) applies, the life of the~~  
17 ~~holder.~~

18 *(3) For a clear or professional clear teaching credential: the*  
19 *life of the holder, if the holder submits an application and fee for*  
20 *renewal every five years and meets all professional fitness*  
21 *requirements under Sections 44339, 44340, and 44341.*

22 *(4) For a clear or professional clear services credential: the*  
23 *life of the holder, if the holder submits an application and fee for*  
24 *renewal every five years and meets all professional fitness*  
25 *requirements under Sections 44339, 44340, and 44341.*

26 (c) An emergency permit authorized in Section 44300 may be  
27 issued or reissued for validity periods not to exceed one year as  
28 determined by the commission.

29 SEC. 2. Section 44253.3 of the Education Code is amended to  
30 read:

31 44253.3. (a) The commission shall issue a certificate that  
32 authorizes the holder to provide all of the following services to  
33 limited-English-proficient pupils:

34 (1) Instruction for English language development in preschool,  
35 kindergarten, grades 1 to 12, inclusive, and classes organized  
36 primarily for adults, except when the requirement specified in  
37 paragraph (1) of subdivision (b) of Section 44253.3 is satisfied  
38 by the possession of a children's center instructional permit  
39 pursuant to Sections 8363 and 44252.7, a children's center  
40 supervision permit pursuant to Section 8363, or a designated

1 subjects teaching credential in adult education pursuant to  
2 Section 44260.2. If the requirement specified in paragraph (1) of  
3 subdivision (b) of Section 44253.3 is satisfied by the possession  
4 of a children's center instructional permit, or a children's center  
5 supervision permit, ~~then~~ instruction for English language  
6 development ~~shall be~~ is limited to the programs authorized by  
7 that permit. If the requirement specified in paragraph (1) of  
8 subdivision (b) of Section 44253.3 is satisfied by the possession  
9 of a designated subjects teaching credential in adult education,  
10 ~~then~~ instruction for English language development ~~shall be~~ is  
11 limited to classes organized primarily for adults.

12 (2) Specially designed content instruction delivered in English  
13 in the subjects and at the levels authorized by the teacher's  
14 prerequisite credential or permit used to satisfy the requirement  
15 specified in paragraph (1) of subdivision (b) of Section 44253.3.

16 (b) The minimum requirements for the certificate shall include  
17 all of the following:

18 (1) Possession of a valid California teaching credential,  
19 services credential, children's center instructional permit, or  
20 children's center supervision permit which credential or permit  
21 authorizes the holder to provide instruction to pupils in  
22 preschool, kindergarten, any of grades 1 to 12, inclusive, or  
23 classes primarily organized for adults, except for *any of* the  
24 following:

25 (A) Emergency credentials or permits.

26 (B) Exchange credentials as specified in Section 44333.

27 (C) District intern certificates as specified in Section 44325.

28 (D) Sojourn certificated employee credentials as specified in  
29 Section 44856.

30 (E) Teacher education internship credentials as specified in  
31 Article 3 (commencing with Section 44450) of Chapter 3.

32 (2) Passage of one or more examinations that the commission  
33 determines are necessary for demonstrating the knowledge and  
34 skills required for effective delivery of the services authorized by  
35 the certificate.

36 (3) Completion of at least six semester units, or nine quarter  
37 units, of coursework in a second language at a regionally  
38 accredited institution of postsecondary education. The  
39 commission shall establish minimum standards for scholarship in  
40 the required coursework. The commission shall also establish

1 alternative ways in which the requirement can be satisfied by  
2 language-learning experience that creates an awareness of the  
3 challenges of second-language acquisition and development.

4 (c) Completion of coursework in human relations in  
5 accordance with the commission's standards of program quality  
6 and effectiveness that includes, at minimum instruction in the  
7 following:

- 8 (1) The nature and content of culture.
- 9 (2) Cross cultural contact and interactions.
- 10 (3) Cultural diversity in the United States and California.
- 11 (4) Providing instruction responsive to the diversity of the  
12 student population.
- 13 (5) Recognizing and responding to behavior related to bias  
14 based on race, color, religion, nationality, country of origin,  
15 ancestry, gender, disability, or sexual orientation.
- 16 (6) Techniques for the peaceful resolution of conflict.

17 (d) The commission shall establish alternative requirements  
18 for a teacher to earn the certificate, which shall be awarded as a  
19 supplementary authorization pursuant to subdivision (e) of  
20 Section 44225.

21 *(e) A teacher who possesses a credential or permit described*  
22 *in paragraph (1) of subdivision (b) and is able to present a valid*  
23 *out-of-state credential or certificate that authorizes the*  
24 *instruction of English learners may qualify for the certificate*  
25 *issued under this section by submitting an application and fee to*  
26 *the commission.*

27 ~~(e)~~

28 (f) The certificate shall remain valid as long as the prerequisite  
29 credential or permit specified in paragraph (1) of subdivision (b)  
30 ~~of Section 44253.3~~ remains valid.

31 SEC. 3. Section 44259 of the Education Code is amended to  
32 read:

33 44259. (a) Except as provided in subparagraphs (A) and (C)  
34 of paragraph (3) of subdivision (b), each program of professional  
35 preparation for multiple or single subject teaching credentials  
36 shall not include more than one year of, or the equivalent of  
37 one-fifth of a five-year program in, professional preparation.

38 (b) The minimum requirements for the preliminary multiple or  
39 single subject teaching credential are all of the following:

1 (1) A baccalaureate degree or higher degree from a regionally  
2 accredited institution of postsecondary education. Except as  
3 provided in subdivision (c) of Section 44227, the baccalaureate  
4 degree shall not be in professional education. The commission  
5 shall encourage accredited institutions to offer undergraduate  
6 minors in education and special education to students who intend  
7 to become teachers.

8 (2) Passage of the state basic skills examination that is  
9 developed and administered by the commission pursuant to  
10 Section 44252.5.

11 (3) Satisfactory completion of a program of professional  
12 preparation that has been accredited by the committee on  
13 accreditation on the basis of standards of program quality and  
14 effectiveness that have been adopted by the commission. Subject  
15 to the availability of funds in the annual Budget Act for this  
16 purpose, and in accordance with the commission's assessment  
17 and performance standards, each program shall include a  
18 teaching performance assessment as set forth in Section 44320.2  
19 which is aligned with the California Standards for the Teaching  
20 Profession. The commission shall ensure that each candidate  
21 recommended for a credential or certificate has demonstrated  
22 satisfactory ability to assist pupils to meet or exceed state content  
23 and performance standards for pupils adopted pursuant to  
24 subdivision (a) of Section 60605. Programs that meet this  
25 requirement for professional preparation shall include any of the  
26 following:

27 (A) Integrated programs of subject matter preparation and  
28 professional preparation pursuant to subdivision (a) of Section  
29 44259.1.

30 (B) Postbaccalaureate programs of professional preparation,  
31 pursuant to subdivision (b) of Section 44259.1.

32 (C) Internship programs of professional preparation, pursuant  
33 to Section 44321, Article 7.5 (commencing with Section 44325),  
34 Article 11 (commencing with Section 44380), and Article 3  
35 (commencing with Section 44450) of Chapter 3.

36 (4) Study of alternative methods of developing English  
37 language skills, including the study of reading as described in  
38 subparagraphs (A) and (B), among all pupils, including those for  
39 whom English is a second language, in accordance with the

1 commission's standards of program quality and effectiveness.

2 The study of reading shall meet the following requirements:

3 (A) Commencing January 1, 1997, satisfactory completion of  
4 comprehensive reading instruction that is research-based and  
5 includes all of the following:

6 (i) The study of organized, systematic, explicit skills including  
7 phonemic awareness, direct, systematic, explicit phonics, and  
8 decoding skills.

9 (ii) A strong literature, language, and comprehension  
10 component with a balance of oral and written language.

11 (iii) Ongoing diagnostic techniques that inform teaching and  
12 assessment.

13 (iv) Early intervention techniques.

14 (v) Guided practice in a clinical setting.

15 (B) For the purposes of this section, "direct, systematic,  
16 explicit phonics" means phonemic awareness, spelling patterns,  
17 the direct instruction of sound/symbol codes and practice in  
18 connected text and the relationship of direct, systematic, explicit  
19 phonics to the components set forth in clauses (i) to (v),  
20 inclusive.

21 A program for the multiple subjects credential also shall  
22 include the study of integrated methods of teaching language  
23 arts.

24 (5) Completion of a subject matter program that has been  
25 approved by the commission on the basis of standards of  
26 program quality and effectiveness pursuant to Article 6  
27 (commencing with Section 44310) or passage of a subject matter  
28 examination pursuant to Article 5 (commencing with Section  
29 44280). The commission shall ensure that subject matter  
30 standards and examinations are aligned with the state content and  
31 performance standards for pupils adopted pursuant to subdivision  
32 (a) of Section 60605.

33 (6) Demonstration of a knowledge of the principles and  
34 provisions of the Constitution of the United States pursuant to  
35 Section 44335.

36 (7) Commencing January 1, 2000, demonstration, in  
37 accordance with the commission's standards of program quality  
38 and effectiveness, of basic competency in the use of computers in  
39 the classroom as determined by one of the following:

1 (A) Successful completion of a commission-approved program  
2 or course.

3 (B) Successful passage of an assessment that is developed,  
4 approved, and administered by the commission.

5 (c) The minimum requirements for the professional clear  
6 multiple or single subject teaching credential shall include all of  
7 the following requirements:

8 (1) Possession of a valid preliminary teaching credential, as  
9 prescribed in subdivision (b), possession of a valid equivalent  
10 credential or certificate, or completion of equivalent  
11 requirements as determined by the commission.

12 (2) Subject to the availability of funds in the annual Budget  
13 Act to provide statewide access to eligible beginning teachers, as  
14 defined in subdivision (d) of Section 44279.1 and except as  
15 provided in paragraph (3), completion of a program of beginning  
16 teacher induction, including one of the following:

17 (A) A program of beginning teacher support and assessment  
18 approved by the commission and the Superintendent of ~~Public~~  
19 ~~Instruction~~ pursuant to Section 44279.1, a provision of the  
20 Marian Bergeson Beginning Teacher Support and Assessment  
21 System.

22 (B) An alternative program of beginning teacher induction that  
23 is provided by one or more local educational agencies and has  
24 been approved by the commission and the superintendent on the  
25 basis of initial review and periodic evaluations of the program in  
26 relation to appropriate standards of credential program quality  
27 and effectiveness that have been adopted by the commission, the  
28 ~~superintendent Superintendent~~, and the ~~State Board of Education~~  
29 *state board* pursuant to this subdivision. The standards for  
30 alternative programs shall encourage innovation and  
31 experimentation in the continuous preparation and induction of  
32 beginning teachers. Any alternative program of beginning  
33 teacher induction that has met state standards pursuant to this  
34 subdivision may apply for state funding pursuant to Sections  
35 44279.1 and 44279.2.

36 (C) An alternative program of beginning teacher induction that  
37 is sponsored by a regionally accredited college or university, in  
38 cooperation with one or more local school districts, that  
39 addresses the individual professional needs of beginning teachers  
40 and meets the commission's standards of induction. The



commission shall ensure that preparation and induction programs that qualify candidates for professional credentials extend and refine each beginning teacher's professional skills in relation to the California Standards for the Teaching Profession and the standards of pupil performance adopted pursuant to Section 60605.

(3) (A) If a candidate satisfies the requirements of subdivision (b), including completion of an accredited internship program of professional preparation, and if that internship program fulfills induction standards and is approved as set forth in this subdivision, the commission shall determine that the candidate has fulfilled the requirements of paragraph (2).

(B) If an approved induction program is verified as unavailable to a beginning teacher, or if the beginning teacher is required under the federal No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 (20 U.S.C. Sec. 6301 et seq.) to complete subject matter coursework to be qualified for a teaching assignment, the commission shall accept completion of an approved fifth-year program after completion of a baccalaureate degree at a regionally accredited institution as fulfilling the requirements of paragraph (2). The commission shall adopt regulations to implement this subparagraph.

(4) Preparation, in accordance with commission standards, that addresses the following:

(A) Study of health education, including study of nutrition, cardiopulmonary resuscitation, and the physiological and sociological effects of abuse of alcohol, narcotics, and drugs and the use of tobacco. Training in cardiopulmonary resuscitation shall also meet the standards established by the American Heart Association or the American Red Cross.

(B) Study and field experience in methods of delivering appropriate educational services to pupils with exceptional needs in regular education programs.

(C) Study, in accordance with the commission's standards of program quality and effectiveness, of advanced computer-based technology, including the uses of technology in educational settings.

(d) The commission shall develop and implement standards of program quality and effectiveness that provide for the areas of study listed in subparagraphs (A) to (C), inclusive, of paragraph

(4) of subdivision (c), starting in professional preparation and continuing through induction.

(e) A credential that was issued prior to January 1, 1993, shall remain in force as long as it is valid under the laws and regulations that were in effect on the date it was issued. The commission may not, by regulation, invalidate an otherwise valid credential, unless it issues to the holder of the credential, in substitution, a new credential authorized by another provision in this chapter that is no more restrictive than the credential for which it was substituted with respect to the kind of service authorized and the grades, classes, or types of schools in which it authorizes service.

(f) A credential program that is approved by the commission may not deny an individual access to that program solely on the grounds that the individual obtained a teaching credential through completion of an internship program when that internship program has been accredited by the commission.

(g) Notwithstanding this section, persons who were performing teaching services as of January 1, 1999, pursuant to the language of this section that was in effect prior to that date, may continue to perform those services without complying with any requirements that may be added by the amendments adding this subdivision.

(h) Subparagraphs (A) and (B) of paragraph (4) of subdivision (b) do not apply to any person who, as of January 1, 1997, holds a multiple or single subject teaching credential, or to any person enrolled in a program of professional preparation for a multiple or single subject teaching credential as of January 1, 1997, who subsequently completes that program. It is the intent of the Legislature that the requirements of subparagraphs (A) and (B) of paragraph (4) of subdivision (b) be applied only to persons who enter a program of professional preparation on or after January 1, 1997.

(i) *A teacher shall be deemed to have complied with the requirements of paragraph (2) of subdivision (c) if the teacher meets all of the following conditions:*

*(1) Holds a preliminary multiple or single subject teaching credential or is an intern participating in the program established under Article 11 (commencing with Section 44380) of Chapter 2.5.*

1     (2) *Is serving in the first or second year of service.*

2     (3) *Complies with the requirements of subdivision (b),*  
3 *including, but not limited to, completion of an accredited*  
4 *internship program of professional preparation described in*  
5 *subparagraph (C) of paragraph (3) of subdivision (b).*

6     ~~(i)~~

7     (j) The commission shall grant teaching credentials based on  
8 the requirements for those credentials that were in effect on  
9 December 31, 1998, to candidates who were in the process of  
10 meeting those requirements for teaching credentials before the  
11 effective date of the commission's implementation of this  
12 section.

13     SEC. 4. Section 44270.1 of the Education Code is amended to  
14 read:

15     44270.1. (a) The minimum requirements for the professional  
16 services credential with a specialization in administrative  
17 services are all of the following:

18     (1) Possession of a valid preliminary administrative services  
19 credential, as specified in Section 44270.

20     (2) A minimum of two years of successful experience in a  
21 full-time administrative position in a public school or private  
22 school of equivalent status, while holding the preliminary  
23 administrative services credential, as attested by the employing  
24 school district or agency, including, but not limited to, the ~~State~~  
25 ~~Department of Education~~ *department*, in the case of state school  
26 administrators, and county offices of education, in the case of  
27 county school administrators.

28     (3) Completion of a commission-approved program of  
29 advanced preparation. Each candidate, in consultation with  
30 employing school district personnel and university personnel,  
31 shall develop an individualized program of professional  
32 development activities for this advanced preparation program  
33 based upon individual needs. Each individualized program will  
34 include university coursework and may include, nonuniversity  
35 activities or advanced administrative field experiences. The  
36 commission shall adopt standards and criteria for the university  
37 programs of advanced preparation and nonuniversity activities.

38     (b) The commission may, at the request of a credential  
39 candidate, grant a waiver, pursuant to subdivision (m) of Section  
40 44225, of the requirement of university coursework upon its

1 finding that the candidate, in consultation with personnel of the  
2 employing school district and personnel of the university, is not  
3 able to develop an individualized program of professional  
4 development for the advanced preparation program that meets  
5 the individual needs of the candidates.

6 ~~(e) The professional administrative services credential shall be~~  
7 ~~valid for a period of five years from date of issuance and may be~~  
8 ~~renewed upon completion of professional renewal requirements~~  
9 ~~specified by the commission.~~

10 SEC. 5. Section 44274 of the Education Code is repealed.

11 ~~44274. (a) The commission shall conduct periodic reviews to~~  
12 ~~determine whether any state has established teacher preparation~~  
13 ~~standards, including standards for teachers of English learners,~~  
14 ~~that are at least comparable and equivalent to teacher preparation~~  
15 ~~standards in California.~~

16 ~~(b) If the commission determines, pursuant to subdivision (a),~~  
17 ~~that the teacher preparation standards established by any state are~~  
18 ~~at least comparable and equivalent to teacher preparation~~  
19 ~~standards in California, the commission shall initiate negotiations~~  
20 ~~with that state to provide reciprocity in teacher credentialing.~~

21 ~~(c) (1) The commission shall grant an appropriate credential~~  
22 ~~to any applicant from another state who completes teacher~~  
23 ~~preparation that is at least comparable and equivalent to~~  
24 ~~preparation that meets teacher preparation standards in~~  
25 ~~California, as determined by the commission pursuant to this~~  
26 ~~section, if the applicant meets the requirements of California for~~  
27 ~~the basic skills proficiency test pursuant to subdivision (d) of~~  
28 ~~Section 44275.3 and teacher fitness pursuant to Sections 44339,~~  
29 ~~44340, and 44341.~~

30 ~~(2) If the commission determines that the teacher licensing~~  
31 ~~body of another state requires an applicant to demonstrate a level~~  
32 ~~of basic skills proficiency that is at least comparable to passage~~  
33 ~~of the state basic skills proficiency test, applicants from that state~~  
34 ~~are not required to meet the requirements of California for the~~  
35 ~~basic skills proficiency test.~~

36 ~~(d) A reciprocity agreement established pursuant to~~  
37 ~~subdivision (b) shall not exempt an out-of-state applicant from~~  
38 ~~submitting an identification card pursuant to Section 44340 and~~  
39 ~~obtaining a certificate of clearance, credential, permit, or~~  
40 ~~certificate of eligibility from the commission.~~

1 ~~(e) The commission shall issue credentials to out-of-state~~  
2 ~~prepared teachers based on all of the following:~~

3 ~~(1) Equivalent preparation received outside of this state.~~

4 ~~(2) Equivalent reading instruction, as determined by the~~  
5 ~~reviews conducted pursuant to Section 44274.1.~~

6 ~~(3) Equivalent subject matter programs or credential emphasis~~  
7 ~~programs, as determined by the reviews conducted pursuant to~~  
8 ~~Section 44274.1.~~

9 SEC. 6. Section 44274.1 of the Education Code is repealed.

10 ~~44274.1. To remove unnecessary barriers for entry into~~  
11 ~~teaching for teachers prepared in other states, the commission~~  
12 ~~shall contract for reviews of areas of teacher preparation in other~~  
13 ~~states, as specified in subdivisions (a) to (c), inclusive. The initial~~  
14 ~~reviews shall commence in 2001. Supplemental reviews shall be~~  
15 ~~conducted every three years after completion of the initial~~  
16 ~~review. The purpose of the review is to maintain and utilize~~  
17 ~~information to allow teachers prepared in other states to meet~~  
18 ~~specified California requirements for multiple subject and single~~  
19 ~~subject teaching credentials based upon out-of-state teacher~~  
20 ~~preparation determined by the commission to be comparable and~~  
21 ~~equivalent to the preparation required in California. Reviews~~  
22 ~~shall take place in all of the following areas of teacher~~  
23 ~~preparation for the purpose of meeting the credential~~  
24 ~~requirements pursuant to Section 44275.3:~~

25 ~~(a) Subject matter programs or subject matter examinations~~  
26 ~~pursuant to paragraph (5) of subdivision (b) of Section 44259.~~

27 ~~(b) Reading instruction pursuant to paragraph (4) of~~  
28 ~~subdivision (b) of Section 44259.~~

29 ~~(c) Credential emphasis programs, including, but not limited~~  
30 ~~to, emphasis programs to prepare teachers to work with English~~  
31 ~~language learners.~~

32 SEC. 7. Section 44274.2 of the Education Code is repealed.

33 ~~44274.2. (a) Notwithstanding any provision of this chapter,~~  
34 ~~the commission shall issue a five-year preliminary multiple~~  
35 ~~subject teaching credential authorizing instruction in a~~  
36 ~~self-contained classroom, a five-year preliminary single subject~~  
37 ~~teaching credential authorizing instruction in departmentalized~~  
38 ~~classes, or a five-year preliminary education specialist credential~~  
39 ~~authorizing instruction of special education pupils to any~~

1 ~~experienced out-of-state prepared teacher who meets all of the~~  
2 ~~following requirements:~~

3 ~~(1) Possesses a baccalaureate degree from a regionally~~  
4 ~~accredited institution of higher education.~~

5 ~~(2) Completed a teacher preparation program at a regionally~~  
6 ~~accredited institution of higher education.~~

7 ~~(3) In the case of an applicant for a five-year preliminary~~  
8 ~~single subject teaching credential, completed an academic major~~  
9 ~~in the subject area of the credential sought as determined by the~~  
10 ~~commission.~~

11 ~~(4) Earned a valid corresponding elementary, secondary, or~~  
12 ~~special education teaching credential based upon the out-of-state~~  
13 ~~teacher preparation program.~~

14 ~~(5) Verified a minimum of three years of full-time teaching~~  
15 ~~experience completed in another state in the subject of the~~  
16 ~~credential sought.~~

17 ~~(6) Submitted evidence of rigorous performance evaluations~~  
18 ~~on which the applicant received ratings of satisfactory or better.~~

19 ~~(b) A teacher shall pass the state basic skills proficiency test~~  
20 ~~administered by the commission pursuant to Section 44252~~  
21 ~~within one year of the issuance date of the credential in order to~~  
22 ~~be eligible to continue teaching pursuant to this section.~~

23 ~~(c) The commission shall issue a professional clear multiple~~  
24 ~~subject, single subject, or education specialist teaching credential~~  
25 ~~to any applicant who provides verification of five or more years~~  
26 ~~of teaching experience to meet the requirement of subdivision~~  
27 ~~(a), and who documents, in a manner prescribed by the~~  
28 ~~commission, that he or she fulfills each of the following~~  
29 ~~requirements:~~

30 ~~(1) The commission has issued to the applicant a preliminary~~  
31 ~~five-year teaching credential pursuant to subdivision (a).~~

32 ~~(2) The applicant has completed 150 clock hours of activities~~  
33 ~~that contribute to his or her competence, performance, and~~  
34 ~~effectiveness in the education profession, and that assist the~~  
35 ~~applicant in meeting or exceeding standards for professional~~  
36 ~~preparation established by the commission.~~

37 ~~(d) The commission shall issue a professional clear multiple~~  
38 ~~subject, single subject, or education specialist teaching credential~~  
39 ~~to any applicant who provides verification of three or four years~~  
40 ~~of teaching experience to meet the requirement of subdivision~~

~~(a), and who documents in a manner prescribed by the commission, that he or she fulfills each of the following requirements:~~

~~(1) The commission has issued to the applicant a preliminary five-year teaching credential pursuant to subdivision (a).~~

~~(2) The applicant has completed either of the following:~~

~~(A) A program of beginning teacher support and assessment established pursuant to Article 4.5 (commencing with Section 44279.1) of Chapter 2 of Part 24.~~

~~(B) An alternative program of beginning teacher induction that the commission determines, in conjunction with the Superintendent of Public Instruction, meets state standards for teacher induction.~~

SEC. 8. Section 44274.2 is added to the Education Code, to read:

44274.2. (a) Notwithstanding any provision of this chapter, the commission shall issue a five-year preliminary multiple subject teaching credential authorizing instruction in a self-contained classroom, a five-year preliminary single subject teaching credential authorizing instruction in departmentalized classes, or a five-year preliminary education specialist credential authorizing instruction of special education pupils to any out-of-state prepared teacher who meets all of the following requirements:

(1) Possesses a baccalaureate degree from a regionally accredited institution of higher education.

(2) Has completed a teacher preparation program at a regionally accredited institution of higher education, or a state-approved teacher preparation program offered by a local educational agency.

(3) Meets the subject matter knowledge requirements for the credential. If the subject area listed on the out-of-state credential does not correspond to a California subject area, as specified in Sections 44257 and 44282, the commission may require the applicant to meet California subject matter requirements before issuing a professional clear credential.

(4) Has earned a valid corresponding elementary, secondary, or special education teaching credential based upon the out-of-state teacher preparation program. For the education specialist credential, the commission shall determine the area of

1 concentration based on the special education program completed  
2 out of state.

3 (5) Has successfully completed a criminal background check  
4 conducted under Sections 44339, 44340, and 44341 for  
5 credentialing purposes.

6 (b) The commission shall issue a professional clear multiple  
7 subject, single subject, or education specialist teaching credential  
8 to any applicant who satisfies the requirements of subdivision  
9 (a), provides verification of two or more years of teaching  
10 experience, including, but not limited to, two satisfactory  
11 performance evaluations, and documents, in a manner prescribed  
12 by the commission, that he or she fulfills each of the following  
13 requirements:

14 (1) The applicant has completed 150 clock hours of activities  
15 that contribute to his or her competence, performance, and  
16 effectiveness in the education profession, and that assist the  
17 applicant in meeting or exceeding standards for professional  
18 preparation established by the commission, or the applicant has  
19 earned a master's degree or higher in a field related to the  
20 credential, or the equivalent semester units, from a regionally  
21 accredited institution of higher education.

22 (2) The applicant has met the state requirements for teaching  
23 English learners including, but not limited to, the requirements in  
24 Section 44253.3.

25 (c) For applicants who do not meet the experience requirement  
26 described in subdivision (b), the commission shall issue a  
27 professional clear multiple subject, single subject, or education  
28 specialist teaching credential upon verification of the following  
29 requirements:

30 (1) The commission has issued to the applicant a preliminary  
31 five-year teaching credential pursuant to subdivision (a).

32 (2) The applicant has completed a beginning teacher induction  
33 program pursuant to paragraph (2) of subdivision (c) of Section  
34 44259.

35 (3) The applicant has met the requirements for teaching  
36 English learners including, but not limited to, the requirements in  
37 Section 44253.3.

38 (4) Prior to issuing an education specialist credential under  
39 this subdivision, the commission shall verify completion of a



1 program for the Professional Level II credential accredited by the  
2 commission.

3 SEC. 9. Section 44274.5 of the Education Code is repealed.

4 ~~44274.5. Notwithstanding Section 44227, Section 44259, or~~  
5 ~~any other provision of this chapter, an applicant who holds a~~  
6 ~~valid teaching credential from a state other than California, and~~  
7 ~~who has met, at a minimum, every requirement for a California~~  
8 ~~professional multiple or single subject credential except the~~  
9 ~~requirement of completion of a fifth year of study, may request~~  
10 ~~the commission to determine whether the applicant has~~  
11 ~~completed at least equivalent coursework. If the commission~~  
12 ~~determines that the applicant has completed at least equivalent~~  
13 ~~coursework, the commission shall issue the applicant an~~  
14 ~~appropriate credential, if the applicant has submitted a fingerprint~~  
15 ~~card and has met the requirements of California for teacher~~  
16 ~~fitness by obtaining a certificate of clearance or eligibility, a~~  
17 ~~credential, or a permit from the commission.~~

18 SEC. 10. Section 44275.3 of the Education Code is repealed.

19 ~~44275.3. Notwithstanding any other provision of law:~~

20 (a) ~~It is the intent of the Legislature that both of the following~~  
21 ~~occur:~~

22 (1) ~~That this section provide flexibility to enable school~~  
23 ~~districts to recruit credentialed out-of-state elementary,~~  
24 ~~secondary, and special education teachers to relocate to~~  
25 ~~California.~~

26 (2) ~~That any and all teachers hired in California pursuant to~~  
27 ~~this section fully meet the requirements of the State of California~~  
28 ~~or requirements deemed to be equivalent.~~

29 (b) ~~Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, the~~  
30 ~~commission shall issue a five-year preliminary multiple subject~~  
31 ~~or single subject teaching credential or a five-year preliminary~~  
32 ~~education specialist credential to any out-of-state prepared~~  
33 ~~teacher who meets all of the following requirements:~~

34 (1) ~~Possesses a baccalaureate degree from a regionally~~  
35 ~~accredited institution of higher education.~~

36 (2) ~~Completed a teacher preparation program at a regionally~~  
37 ~~accredited institution of higher education.~~

38 (3) ~~Successfully completes any criminal background check~~  
39 ~~conducted pursuant to Sections 44339, 44340, and 44341 for~~  
40 ~~credentialing purposes.~~

~~(4) Earned or qualified for a corresponding elementary, secondary, or special education teaching credential based upon the out-of-state teacher preparation program. The commission shall determine the area of concentration of the California education specialist credential based on the special education program completed out of state.~~

~~(c) An out-of-state prepared teacher who has been issued a California five-year preliminary multiple subject, single subject, or education specialist teaching credential shall pass the state basic skills proficiency test, administered by the commission pursuant to Section 44252, within one year of the issuance date of the credential in order to be eligible to continue teaching pursuant to this section, unless the commission determines that the teacher licensing body of the state in which the teacher completed his or her preparation requires an applicant to demonstrate a level of basic skills proficiency that is at least comparable to passage of the state basic skills proficiency test.~~

~~(d) The commission shall issue a professional clear credential to an out-of-state prepared teacher who has met the requirements in subdivision (b) and who meets the following requirements:~~

~~(1) Passage of the state basic skills proficiency test administered by the commission pursuant to Section 44252, unless the commission determines that the teacher licensing body of the state in which the teacher completed his or her preparation requires an applicant to demonstrate a level of basic skills proficiency that is at least comparable to passage of the state basic skills proficiency test.~~

~~(2) Demonstration of subject matter competence by completion of coursework or an examination approved by the commission pursuant to paragraph (5) of subdivision (b) of Section 44259. Completion of subject matter in another state that is determined by the commission to be comparable or equivalent pursuant to paragraph (1) of subdivision (a) of Section 44274.1 shall meet this requirement.~~

~~(3) Completion of a course, or for multiple subject and education specialist credentials, a course or an examination, on the various methods of teaching reading pursuant to paragraph (4) of subdivision (b) of Section 44259. Completion of coursework in another state determined by the commission to be~~

comparable and equivalent pursuant to paragraph (2) of subdivision (a) of Section 44274.1 shall meet this requirement.

(4) Completion of a course or examination on the provisions and principles of the United States Constitution pursuant to paragraph (6) of subdivision (b) of Section 44259. Completion of coursework in another state determined by the commission to be comparable and equivalent shall meet this requirement.

(5) With the exception of the education specialist credential, completion of study and field experience in methods of delivering appropriate educational services to pupils with exceptional needs in regular education programs. Completion of coursework in another state determined by the commission to be comparable and equivalent shall meet this requirement.

(6) Completion of the study of computer-based technology through demonstration by course or examination of basic competence in the use of computers in the classroom, and study of advanced computer-based technology, including the uses of technology in educational settings pursuant to subparagraph (C) of paragraph (3) of subdivision (c) of Section 44259. Completion of coursework in another state determined by the commission to be comparable and equivalent shall meet this requirement.

(7) Completion of a fifth-year program at a regionally accredited institution of higher education, except that the commission shall eliminate this requirement for any candidate who has completed an induction program for beginning teachers. Completion of preparation in another state determined by the commission to be comparable and equivalent to the requirement specified by this paragraph shall meet this requirement.

(8) A teacher holding a specialist credential pursuant to this section shall complete the requirements for nonspecial education pedagogy and a supervised field experience program in general education pursuant to Section 44265.

(9) A teacher holding a specialist credential pursuant to this section shall complete a program for the Professional Level II credential accredited by the Committee on Accreditation, established pursuant to Section 44373, and the requirements specified in this subdivision.

SEC. 11. Section 44275.4 of the Education Code is amended to read:

44275.4. Notwithstanding any other provision of law:

1 (a) It is the intent of the Legislature that both of the following  
2 occur:

3 (1) That this section provide flexibility to enable school  
4 districts to recruit credentialed elementary, secondary, and  
5 special education teachers prepared in countries other than the  
6 United States to relocate temporarily or permanently to this state.

7 (2) That any and all teachers prepared in countries other than  
8 the United States who are granted a California teaching  
9 credential pursuant to this section fully meet the requirements of  
10 this state.

11 (b) Coursework, programs, or degrees completed at an  
12 institution of higher education outside of the United States are  
13 acceptable toward certification when the Commission on Teacher  
14 Credentialing or an evaluating agency approved by the  
15 commission has determined that the institution's coursework,  
16 programs, or degrees are equivalent to those offered by a  
17 regionally accredited institution in the United States. The  
18 commission reserves the right to accept or reject an approved  
19 evaluating agency's determination. Notwithstanding any other  
20 provision of this chapter, the commission shall issue a five-year  
21 preliminary multiple subject teaching credential, a five-year  
22 preliminary single subject teaching credential, or a five-year  
23 preliminary education specialist credential to a teacher prepared  
24 in a country other than the United States who meets all of the  
25 following requirements:

26 (1) The teacher holds or is eligible for a credential from  
27 another country that required a baccalaureate or higher degree  
28 determined to be equivalent to those offered by a regionally  
29 accredited institution in the United States and completion of a  
30 professional preparation program approved by the appropriate  
31 agency in the country where the program was completed that  
32 requires the teacher to meet requirements equivalent to the  
33 multiple or single subject teaching credential requirements in  
34 Section 44259 or the special education credential requirements  
35 described in Section 44265. The commission shall determine the  
36 area of concentration for the California education specialist  
37 credential based on the special education program completed out  
38 of country.

1 (2) The teacher successfully completes a criminal background  
2 check conducted pursuant to Sections 44339, 44340, and 44341  
3 for credentialing purposes.

4 (c) A teacher prepared in a country other than the United  
5 States who has been issued by the commission a five-year  
6 preliminary multiple subject, single subject, or education  
7 specialist teaching credential shall pass the state basic skills  
8 proficiency test, administered by the commission pursuant to  
9 Section 44252, within one year of the issuance date of the  
10 credential in order to be eligible to continue teaching pursuant to  
11 this section.

12 (d) The commission shall issue a professional clear credential  
13 to a teacher prepared in a country other than the United States  
14 who has met the requirements in subdivisions (b) and (c) and  
15 who meets the following requirements:

16 (1) Demonstration of subject matter competence—by  
17 ~~completion of coursework or an examination approved by the~~  
18 ~~commission~~ pursuant to paragraph (5) of subdivision (b) of  
19 Section 44259.

20 (2) Completion of a course, or for multiple subject and  
21 education specialist credentials, a course or an examination, on  
22 the various methods of teaching reading pursuant to paragraph  
23 (4) of subdivision (b) of Section 44259. Completion of  
24 coursework in another state or country determined by the  
25 commission to be comparable and equivalent shall meet this  
26 requirement.

27 (3) Completion of a course or examination on the provisions  
28 and principles of the United States Constitution pursuant to  
29 paragraph (6) of subdivision (b) of Section 44259. Completion of  
30 coursework in another state or country determined by the  
31 commission to be comparable and equivalent shall meet this  
32 requirement.

33 (4) Completion of the study of health education pursuant to  
34 subparagraph (A) of paragraph (3) of subdivision (c) of Section  
35 44259. Completion of coursework in another state or country  
36 determined by the commission to be comparable and equivalent  
37 shall meet this requirement.

38 (5) With the exception of the education specialist credential,  
39 completion of study and field experience in methods of  
40 delivering appropriate educational services to pupils with

1 exceptional needs in regular education programs. Completion of  
2 coursework in another state or country determined by the  
3 commission to be comparable and equivalent shall meet this  
4 requirement.

5 (6) Completion of the study of computer-based technology  
6 through demonstration by course or examination of basic  
7 competence in the use of computers in the classroom, and study  
8 of advanced computer-based technology including the uses of  
9 technology in educational settings pursuant to paragraph (3) of  
10 subdivision (c) of Section 44259. Completion of coursework in  
11 another state or country determined by the commission as  
12 comparable and equivalent shall meet this requirement.

13 ~~(7) Completion of a fifth-year program at an institution of~~  
14 ~~higher education determined by the commission to offer~~  
15 ~~equivalent programs and degrees to those offered in the United~~  
16 ~~States, except that the commission shall eliminate this~~  
17 ~~requirement for any candidate who has completed an induction~~  
18 ~~program for beginning teachers.~~

19 *(7) Completion of a beginning teacher induction program*  
20 *pursuant to paragraph (2) of subdivision (c) of Section 44259.*

21 (8) A teacher holding a specialist credential pursuant to this  
22 section shall complete the requirements for nonspecial education  
23 pedagogy and a supervised field experience program in general  
24 education pursuant to Section 44265.

25 (9) A teacher holding a specialist credential pursuant to this  
26 section shall complete a program for the Professional Level II  
27 credential accredited by the ~~Committee on Accreditation,~~  
28 ~~established pursuant to Section 44373 and the requirements~~  
29 ~~specified in this subdivision and subdivision (e) commission.~~

30 SEC. 12. Section 44275.5 of the Education Code is repealed.

31 ~~44275.5. (a) For purposes of Section 44275.3, a fee shall be~~  
32 ~~levied and collected by the commission for the issuance of the~~  
33 ~~five-year preliminary credential for out-of-state teachers.~~  
34 ~~Commencing January 1, 1999, the fee for the issuance of the~~  
35 ~~five-year preliminary credential for out-of-state teachers shall be~~  
36 ~~up to two hundred dollars (\$200), as determined by the~~  
37 ~~commission within its discretion, in addition to any other fees~~  
38 ~~required by statute, as appropriate.~~

39 ~~(b) The proceeds of the fee levied and collected pursuant to~~  
40 ~~subdivision (a) shall be used to offset the costs of the out-of-state~~

1 ~~teacher credential program established by, and to develop a~~  
2 ~~tracking system to ensure compliance with, Section 44275.3.~~

3 ~~(e) Annually, as part of the budget review process, the~~  
4 ~~commission shall recommend to the Legislature a level for the~~  
5 ~~fee to be levied and collected pursuant to subdivision (a) so that~~  
6 ~~the fee may generate sufficient revenues to meet the goals set~~  
7 ~~forth in subdivision (b). As part of the budget review process~~  
8 ~~connected with the legislative deliberations on the Budget Act of~~  
9 ~~1999, the commission shall report to the Legislature on the level~~  
10 ~~of revenue that has been generated by the fee during the 1998–99~~  
11 ~~fiscal year.~~

12 SEC. 13. Section 44277 of the Education Code is repealed.

13 ~~44277. The Legislature recognizes that effective professional~~  
14 ~~growth must continue to occur throughout the careers of all~~  
15 ~~teachers, in order that teachers remain informed of changes in~~  
16 ~~pedagogy, subject matter, and pupil needs. In enacting this~~  
17 ~~section, it is the intent of the Legislature to establish professional~~  
18 ~~growth requirements that give individual teachers a wide range of~~  
19 ~~options to pursue as well as significant roles in determining the~~  
20 ~~course of their professional growth.~~

21 ~~(a) The minimum requirements for maintaining the validity of~~  
22 ~~the clear multiple or single subject teaching credential pursuant~~  
23 ~~to Section 44251 shall be both of the following:~~

24 ~~(1) Successful service as a classroom teacher or successful~~  
25 ~~service authorized by a services credential. The minimum length~~  
26 ~~of service shall be equivalent to one-half of a school year.~~

27 ~~(2) Completion of an individual program of professional~~  
28 ~~growth as prescribed in this section and by the commission.~~

29 ~~(b) An individual program of professional growth shall consist~~  
30 ~~of a minimum of 150 clock hours of participation in activities~~  
31 ~~that are aligned with the California Standards for the Teaching~~  
32 ~~Profession that contribute to competence, performance, or~~  
33 ~~effectiveness in the profession of education and the teacher's~~  
34 ~~classroom assignments. Acceptable activities shall be defined by~~  
35 ~~the commission to include, among other acceptable activities, the~~  
36 ~~completion of courses offered by regionally accredited colleges~~  
37 ~~and universities, including instructor-led interactive courses~~  
38 ~~delivered through online technologies; participation in~~  
39 ~~professional conferences, workshops, teacher center programs,~~  
40 ~~staff development programs, or a California Reading~~

~~Professional Development Program operated pursuant to Article 2 (commencing with Section 99220) of Chapter 5 of Part 65; service as a mentor teacher pursuant to Section 44496; participation in school curriculum development projects; participation in systematic programs of observation and analysis of teaching; service in a leadership role in a professional organization; and participation in educational research or innovation efforts. Employing agencies and employees' bargaining agents may negotiate to agree on the terms of programs of professional growth within their jurisdictions, provided that the agreements shall be consistent with this section.~~

~~(e) An individual program of professional growth shall be developed and planned by the holder of a clear teaching credential.~~

~~(d) Effective January 1, 1991, an individual program of professional growth may include a basic course in cardiopulmonary resuscitation, which includes training in the subdiaphragmatic abdominal thrust (also known as the "Heimlich maneuver") and meets or exceeds the standards established by the American Heart Association or the American Red Cross for courses in that subject or minimum standards for training programs established by the Emergency Medical Services Authority. Effective January 1, 2001, an individual program of professional growth may also include a course in first aid that meets or exceeds the standards established by the American Red Cross for courses in that subject or minimum standards for training programs established by the Emergency Medical Services Authority. A teacher's participation in these training options shall count towards the minimum 150 clock hours required to satisfy the professional growth requirements.~~

~~(e) Before a holder of a clear teaching credential commences or amends an individual program of professional growth, a school principal, a mentor teacher provided for in Section 44496, or other district designee shall certify to the credential holder that the planned program or amendment complies with this section and with regulations of the commission.~~

~~(f) A clear teaching credential shall be deemed to remain valid so long as the holder of the credential, at five-year intervals, submits to the commission verification by a school principal, a mentor teacher, or other district designee that the holder has~~



1 satisfied the minimum requirements specified in subdivision (a).  
2 In the absence of adequate verification, the commission shall  
3 invalidate the credential. Verification by a school principal, a  
4 mentor teacher, or other district designee shall be independent of  
5 any evaluation of the performance of the holder of the clear  
6 teaching credential that is conducted for the purpose of  
7 determining the credential holder's employment status. The  
8 arbitrary refusal of a school principal, a mentor teacher, or other  
9 district designee to verify completion of an individual program of  
10 professional growth meeting the requirements of this section and  
11 commission regulations shall constitute grounds for an appeal as  
12 prescribed in Section 44278.

13 SEC. 14. Section 44278 of the Education Code is repealed.

14 44278. A holder of a clear teaching credential may appeal an  
15 adverse action by a school principal, a mentor teacher, or other  
16 district designee related to professional growth. The appeal shall  
17 be presented to the commission, which shall rule in favor of the  
18 appeal if it finds any of the following claims by the appellant to  
19 be true:

20 (a) That a school principal, a mentor teacher, or other district  
21 designee has refused to agree to a planned individual program of  
22 professional growth that satisfies the requirements of Section  
23 44277, or to a proposed modification in such a program. Such a  
24 finding by the commission shall be grounds for the designated  
25 agency to agree to the planned program, or to the proposed  
26 modification program.

27 (b) That a school principal, a mentor teacher, or other district  
28 designee has refused to verify completion of an agreed program  
29 of professional growth that satisfies the requirements of Section  
30 44277. Such a finding by the commission shall be grounds for  
31 the commission to maintain the validity of the clear teaching  
32 credential.

33 (c) That bias, fraud, unfair discrimination, or arbitrary action  
34 by a school principal, a mentor teacher, or other district designee  
35 prevented the appellant from fulfilling the terms of an agreed  
36 program of professional growth. Such a finding by the  
37 commission shall cause the commission to grant the appellant  
38 additional time, not to exceed five years, for the appellant to  
39 fulfill the terms of the agreed program, subject to verification by  
40 the commission.

1 SEC. 15. Section 44279 of the Education Code is repealed.

2 ~~44279. The commission shall not issue to the holder of an~~  
3 ~~invalidated clear teaching credential another teaching credential~~  
4 ~~of the same type, as defined in Section 44256.~~

5 ~~(a) The holder of an invalidated clear teaching credential who~~  
6 ~~has not satisfied the requirements of paragraph (1) of subdivision~~  
7 ~~(a) of Section 44277, or who has not satisfied the requirements of~~  
8 ~~paragraphs (1) and (2) of subdivision (a) of Section 44277, shall~~  
9 ~~be eligible for a one-time two-year reinstatement of the clear~~  
10 ~~teaching credential.~~

11 ~~(b) The holder of an invalidated clear teaching credential who~~  
12 ~~has met the requirements of paragraph (1) of subdivision (a) of~~  
13 ~~Section 44277 shall be deemed eligible for the reinstatement of~~  
14 ~~the credential when he or she has satisfied the requirements of~~  
15 ~~paragraph (2) of subdivision (a) of Section 44277 and all current~~  
16 ~~standards for the issuance of the clear teaching credential in~~  
17 ~~effect at the time of the submission of the application for~~  
18 ~~reinstatement.~~